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Re: Application of Ryuichi SHIOHARA
IMAGE INPUT UNIT AND IMAGE INPUT METHOD
Assignee: **SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION**
Our Ref: Q75182

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation-in-Part Application of pending prior Application No. PCT/JP02/00478 filed January 23, 2002 of Ryuichi SHIOHARA entitled IMAGE INPUT UNIT AND IMAGE INPUT METHOD.

Attached hereto is the Continuation-in-Part Application comprising the specification, including the claims and abstract, four (4) sheets of drawings, Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) and Preliminary Amendment.

The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form will be submitted at a later date.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence:

This is a Continuation-in-Part of Application No. PCT/JP02/00478 filed January 23, 2002; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	11	-	20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	2	-	3	=		x	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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Priority is claimed from:

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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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